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Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A facsimile device comprising:

inputting means for inputting image data of a subject copy having a width in a main scanning direction larger than an A3-size width, said inputting means including scanner means to scan the subject copy having a size larger than the A3-size;

reading means for divisively reading lines of said image data in a sub-scanning direction by dividing said image data into divisional lines of data having a predetermined width;

image rotating means for performing an image rotation with respect to each of said divisional lines of data so as to supply rotated divisional lines;

encoding means for encoding each of said rotated divisional lines into encoded data; and

outputting means for outputting said encoded data,

wherein said reading means detects whether the size of the subject copy is larger than the A3-size, and if the size of the subject copy is larger than the A3-size, automatically divides the subject copy into at least two read areas according to a specified overlapping width.

2. (currently amended) The facsimile device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reading means divisively reads said lines of said image data in said sub-scanning direction by scanning a plurality of areas of said image data sharing [[an]] said overlapping width predetermined in said sub-scanning direction.

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3. (original) The facsimile device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reading means divisively reads said lines of said image data in said sub-scanning direction by dividing said image data of the subject copy at a predetermined page into said divisional lines of data.

4. (original) The facsimile device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said reading means reductively reads image data of a subject copy having a width larger than said A3-size width by reducing said image data as a whole to said A3-size width, when said subject copy is not at a page to be divisively read.

5. (currently amended) A method for controlling a facsimile device, the method comprising the steps of:

~~the inputting step of (a) inputting image data of a subject copy having a width in a main scanning direction larger than an A3-size width, said image data being input through scanning, by scanner means, the subject copy having a size larger than the A3-size;~~

(b) determining whether the size of the subject copy is larger than the A3-size, and if the size of the subject copy is larger than the A3-size, automatically dividing the subject copy into at least two read areas according to a specified overlapping width;

~~the reading step of (c) divisively reading lines of said image data in a sub-scanning direction by dividing said image data into divisional lines of data having a predetermined width;~~

~~the image rotating step of (d) performing an image rotation with respect to each of said divisional lines of data so as to supply rotated divisional lines;~~

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~~the encoding step of (e)~~ encoding each of said rotated divisional line into encoded data; and
~~the outputting step of (f)~~ outputting said encoded data.

6. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said ~~reading step (c)~~ divisively reads said lines of said image data in said sub-scanning direction by scanning ~~a plurality of~~ said at least two read areas of said image data sharing ~~[[an]]~~ said overlapping width ~~predetermined~~ in said sub-scanning direction.

7. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said ~~reading step (c)~~ divisively reads said lines of said image data in said sub-scanning direction by dividing said image data of the subject copy at a predetermined page into said divisional lines of data.

8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein said ~~reading step (c)~~ reductively reads image data of a subject copy having a width larger than said A3-size width by reducing said image data as a whole to said A3-size width, when said subject copy is not at a page to be divisively read.

9. (previously presented) The facsimile device of claim 1, wherein said reading means detects whether the width of said subject copy in the main scanning direction is larger than an A3-size width, and if the width of said subject copy is larger than an A3-size width, automatically dividing said subject copy in the subscanning direction into at least two portions.

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10. (previously presented) The facsimile device of claim 9, further comprising user operation means, wherein a user specifies a page dividing mode through said user operation means, and said reading means performs said automatic dividing if the user specifies said page dividing mode.

11. (previously presented) The facsimile device of claim 1, wherein the divisional lines of data corresponding to the encoded data output by said outputting means are unchanged in scale.

12. (previously presented) The facsimile device of claim 9, wherein the at least two portions of the subject copy are automatically determined according to an overlapping width specified by an operator.

Claim 13 (canceled).